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WASHINGTON, August 6, 1992 -- Rail carloadings during the week ended August 1 exceeded 322,000, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. Carloadings are up almost 2 percent for the first 31 weeks of 1992.

Intermodal volume, which is not included in carloadings, totaled 134,156 trailers and containers, up 6.6 percent from the same week last year. "Railroads continue to gain freight that previously moved by highway," noted Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of economics and finance for the AAR. "Through the first 31 weeks of 1992, intermodal volume is up an impressive 8 percent."

The AAR estimated total freight traffic for the week at 20.3 billion ton-miles, and 625.5 billion for the first 31 weeks of the year. The latter figure represents a gain of 3.7 percent over a similar period in 1991.

Railroads reporting to the AAR account for 94 percent of carloadings and 97 percent of intermodal traffic.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 1, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP					
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 1, 1992	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	25,543	26,237	-2.6 %	26,552	-3.8 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,078	919	17.3	1,428	-24.5
Metallic Ores	17,387	17,633	-1.4	17,639	-1.4
Coal	121,209	124,967	-3.0	123,558	-1.9
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,526	14,671	12.6	14,698	12.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,276	8,660	-4.4	7,377	12.2
Grain Mill Products	9,760	10,469	-6.8	9,606	1.6
Food & Kindred Products	9,139	9,152	-0.1	9,435	-3.1
Primary Forest Products	9,623	8,916	7.9	9,517	1.1
Lumber & Wood Products	6,271	5,814	7.9	5,698	10.1
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,782	10,521	2.5	10,816	-0.3
Chemicals	28,260	27,748	1.8	27,529	2.7
Petroleum Products	5,799	5,552	4.4	6,035	-3.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,615	9,877	-2.7	9,865	-2.5
Coke	5,531	5,066	9.2	5,680	-2.6
Metals & Products	10,093	10,295	-2.0	9,405	7.3
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	11,110	12,090	-8.1	11,161	-0.5
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,504	7,704	10.4	8,271	2.8
All Other Carloads	7,769	7,594	2.3	7,395	5.1
Total	322,275	323,885	-0.5 %	321,665	0.2 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES						
TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 1, 1992			CUMULATIVE: 31 WEEKS ENDING AUGUST 1, 1992		
	1992	1991	CHANGE	1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	322,275	323,885	-0.5 %	9,929,861	9,760,523	1.7 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	66,049	64,218	2.9	1,901,980	1,838,342	3.5
Containers	68,107	61,630	10.5	1,943,117	1,729,061	12.4
Total	134,156	125,848	6.6	3,845,097	3,567,403	7.8
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.3	20.2	0.5 %	625.5	602.9	3.7 %